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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. 1 to 2 (Two)

Part B for October 1921

SUBJECT.

Concessions to Municipalities (Rly. Budget No. 160 of 21)

8R2) To The Chief Engineer, Ferry Engineer, Secretary of Ferry Committee, Superintendent } No. 2090-Tn M 3/105/21

Sir,

With reference to the Ferry Committee and Ferry Engineer's proposals made in a note to the Municipal Commissioners letters regarding [illegible] of the [illegible] Ferry [illegible] Thirty [illegible] Ferry [illegible]

Dw 2890
1-6-21.

SUBJECT No 160

Concession to Minor Municipalities.

Messrs Phaniachar Hosmurga Taluk B Srinivasa Iyengar R. Subba Rao Amblal Taluk, Gubbi Anchal Municipality and Raja Narasiah Thyamagondlu Municipality

Mr B Srinivasaiyengar —I beg to submit that a more liberal treatment of Minor Municipalities is necessary Whereas district head quarter and city municipalities may at any time bring to the notice of Government their wants and obtain relief the taluk head quarter and other minor municipalities do not enjoy this privilege There is thus no equality of treatment between these two kinds of Municipalities as urged at the last April Session of this Assembly, especially in regard to education and medical relief Government say that Local Fund Dispensaries must be self maintained This will be possible in the case of district head quarter municipalities with their large revenues but not in the case of minor bodies with their limited sources of income Unlike the larger municipalities their main grievance is when a third of the cost of medical relief is not granted to them They request that a definite percentage of contribution be fixed in regard to both kinds of Municipalities Government frequently refer to the absence of any revision of house tax on the part of minor municipalities and urge this as a justification for a denial of all claims to State aid May I, in this connection invite attention to the opinion of Mr J D Sifton I C S as expressed in his Local Government in England ? Says Mr Sifton

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The sources of revenue in India of all spending authorities from the Local Government downwards are practically inelastic The expenditure of the Local Government has been effectively limited by the Financial settlements received from the Government of India and they have no power to add to their income except by developing he assigned heads of revenue Similarly District Boards have been restricted to a local cess of one anna and no matter what the needs of districts may be they have no power to develop their revenues In England wherever Parliament imposes an obligation upon a local body that body is at the same time authorised to raise without restriction whatever money is necessary to carry out the duty There is no limit imposed upon the general rates which the local authorities can raise without reference to any superior authority Their budgets are prepared in exactly the converse way from those of the local bodies in India by first ascertaining what is required to maintain efficiently the services undertaken This system is an essential condition of local authorities being required by Statute to provide adequately for such matters as Education Sanitation etc, Those local bodies which are well forward with their schemes of future improvements obtain unexpected windfalls from the lump grants placed at the disposal of the Local Governments while other bodies which may be far more backward and more necessitous obtain nothing because they have not any approved schemes ready for immediate expenditure

Till now small municipalities in our State were able to secure sweepers on Rs 3 4 5, and so on but now these are not available even for Rs. 10 each They

have not enough funds to meet even the normal ex penditure Their income under house tax is reduced to one-half on account of altered rules, and that under octroi is practically nothing Trade is reduced to its minimum They are thus unable to derive any addi tional income and to meet even their normal expendi ture Taking the Sarjapur Municipality, for instance, a sum of Rs 400 is contributed towards Medical Aid while the number of people in that area is 2,000 The remaining portion of its income is quite inadequate for the proper discharge of all its duties Further, in the case of minor municipalities, local cess is deducted from the excise revenue and the difficulty is thus aggravated

Mr C Srinivasa Rao —In western countries, municipalities are of two kinds monarchical and re publican Republican municipalities do not require and are not given any Government help Our muni cipalities, however belong to the first category When municipalities are bound to carry out the instructions of Government in municipal affairs it is but right that the latter should give liberal subsidies to the former for the purpose

Second Member of Council —Government realize the inconveniences that minor municipalities are labouring under and will be glad if definite proposals are submitted in each particular case for consider ation

Mr Srinivasiengar —I beg permission also to request that these villages must first be surveyed and that every year the Sanitary Commissioner and the Sanitary Engineer should be asked to visit 10 or 15 villages and halt for ½ or 3 days in each village in order to consult local bodies as to what improvements are necessary and possible The idea is there of course, but intimation is not usually received before these officers visit villages In view of the fact that the Vice Presidents and important residents of minor municipalities have to attend District Board and other meetings outside their own places prev ous intimation seems essential

Second Member of Council —Government will issue instructions to the Sanitary Commiss oner and Sanitary Engineer accordingly

Third Member of Council —On the other hand the Sanitary Commissioner and Sanitary Engineer complain that Presidents and Vice-Presidents do not accompany them while on visits and that sufficient co-operation is not being received from them The suggestion now given is quite easy to accept and will be done Municipal Councils may hold necessary con sultations with these officers and submit suitable re solutions to Government for acceptance in matters such as education and medical relief

Re Hindu Mission in Egypt

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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This subject has been referred to in the Statement of promises made by the Secretary of State on the concluding day of the last session of the H. of C. 1920

The question is one of finance and it is for consideration if, such can in the present financial stringency give any active help to them, even though each local case of Indian distress definite proposals in the matter?

Re question in respect of visits by Indian Ladies Commissioners Emigrants it is for consideration if a few may be issued on the subject as replied by Govt

Initials

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The minor municipalities should develop their resources fully in accordance with the rule issued for taxation in Minor Municipalities. For the present it seems that no subventions by Govt can be thought of

For orders
Rev Secy

Hm
7/7

2nd Member

Hm
9/7/24

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11/7/24

Necessary amendments to the existing rules may issue. As stated in the reasons no rule is necessary, since the 2nd proviso to Rule 4 and Rule 7 may be omitted by such Municipality in whose limits

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Dft Go as noted for approval

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28/7/24

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To the Chief Engineer
Sanitary Commissioner
Directors of Public Health
& Sanitary Commissioners
with reference to 2890-100 SG 3/10/21

I am directed that the Sanitary Commissioner & Sanitary Engineer should make it a point to see the Municipal Councillors & other leading men of the place & discuss Sanitary matters whenever they happen to visit municipal & rural areas.

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SUBJECT.....

Diary No. of letter replied to .....

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Serial No. 2

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Read—

Subject no 16 at the R'a Sessions of Dec 1931 regarding the grievances of the Cultivators in the Kolar District in regard to the Land Revenue & Sayar Cesses & Suggesting the Abolition of the Sayar Cess

Date of issue .. 3.10.1932

Signed by [illegible]

Order—No.

Directing that in the Kolar District every year and that during 2 or 3 days in each place in order to Consult local bodies as to what improvements are

May this be

i Printed ? Yes

treated as a standing order ? Yes

published in the Gazette, English Part ? No

translated ? No

v placed at the disposal of the press ? No

vi published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ? No

3/10/32

necessary if possible

Order no: L 2090-WD dt 3.10.1921.

Govt accept the above suggestion and with a view to afford greater facilities in the matter of technical advice, they direct that whenever the Sanitary Commissioner with Govt, Municipalities & rural areas, they should make it a point to see the Municipal Councillors and the leading men of the place and discuss Sanitary matters affecting the health of the place and the steps that may be taken for the betterment of the locality.

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Examined by

List of enclosures.

The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

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Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS

O No L 2090 100—Ml 243 20 2 dated 3rd October 192

Visit of the Sanitary Commissioner and the Sanitary Engineer to Municipalities and rural areas

Directs that during the they should discuss anitary matters with Municipal Councillors and other leading men of the place

READ—

Subject No 160 discussed at the Representative Assembly Sessions of October 1920 regarding the grant of concession to minor municipal councils in the State and urging the necessity of the Sanitary Commissioner and Sanitary Engineer visiting 10 or 15 villages every year and halting 2 or 3 days in each place in order to consult local bodies as to what improvements are necessary and possible

ORDER No L 2090 100—ML 243 20 2 DATED 3RD OCTOBER 1921

Government accept the above suggestion and with a view to afford greater facilities in the matter of technical advice they direct that whenever the Sanitary Commissioner and Sanitary Engineer visit municipalities and rural areas they should make it a point to see the municipal councillors and the leading men of the place and discuss sanitary matters affecting the health of the place with them The municipal councils are requested to heartily co operate with the bovementioned officer in the matter

D SRINIVASA IYENGAR
Offg Secy to Govt Rev Dept.

To—The Chief Engineer of Mysore
The Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts
The Comptroller to Government

End —c r

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